

REMARKS

Claims 3-4, 6-7, 9-13, and 16-29 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-2, 5, 8, and 14-15 were previously cancelled. Claims 3 and 25 have been amended herein. No new matter has been added.

Claim 25 was objected to but indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. However, since the parent claim 3 is now believed allowable for the reasons discussed above claim 25 is also now allowable.

Independent claim 3 and claims 23-24 and 26-27 that depend directly or indirectly from claim 3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Eldridge et al. in view of Klocke et al. However, independent claim 3 has been amended to require that at least one of the three dimensional structures comprise a terminal that is supported by a compliant bump. This is different from the structures disclosed by Eldridge et al. wherein the compliant material 30 originally under the structure (52 and 60) shown in Fig. 24 is removed. Therefore the resulting structure of Eldridge et al. is not supported by one of the compliant bumps. Klocke et al. does not disclose any thing that would overcome this shortcoming of Eldridge et al. and therefore claim 3 does now patentably define over Eldridge et al. and Klocke et al. Likewise, dependant claims 23-24 and 26-27 are also allowable for depending from a claim deemed allowable as well as for their own limitations.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance and request that the Examiner pass the case to issuance. If the Examiner should have any questions, Applicants request that the Examiner contact Applicants' attorney at the address below. No fee is believed due in connection with this filing. However, in the event that there are any fees due, please charge the same, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1065.

Respectfully submitted,

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